

Robert Greene Sterne Edward J. Kessler Jorge A. Goldstein David K.S. Cornwell Robert W. Esmond Tracy-Gene G. Durkin Michael B. Ray Robert E. Sokohl Eric K. Steffe Michael Q. Lee Steven R. Ludwig John M. Covert Linda E. Alcorn Robert C. Millonig Lawrence B. Bugaisky Donald J. Featherstone Mildhally Merciners Judith U. Kim Timothy J. Shea, Jr. Patrick E. Garrett Jeffrey T. Helvey Heidi L. Kraus Albert L. Ferro\* Donald R. Banowit Peter A. Jackman Teresa U. Medler Jeffrey S. Weaver Kendrick P. Patterson Vincent L. Capuano Eldora Ellison Floyd Thomas C. Fiala Brian J. Del Buono Virgil Lee Beaston Theodore A. Wood Elizabeth J. Haanes Joseph S. Ostroff Frank R. Cottingham Christine M. Lhulier Rae Lynn P. Guest George S. Bardmesser Daniel A. Klein\* Jason D. Eisenberg Michael D. Specht Andrea J. Kamage Tracy L. Muller\* LuAnne M. DeSantis Ann E. Summerfield Art. W. Ledford\* Helene C. Carkson Timothy A. Doyle\* Gaby L. Longsworth Lori A. Gordon\* Nicole D. Dretar\*

off gham ullier est messer berg cht age Santis ffield Ted J. Ebersole Jyoti C. Iyer\* Laura A. Vogel

Registered Patent Agents -Karen R. Markowicz Nancy J. Leith Matthew J. Dowd Aaron L. Schwartz Katrina Yujian Pei Guach Bryan L. Skelton Robert A. Schwartzman Teresa A. Colella Jeffrey S. Lundgren Victoria S. Rutherford Michelle K. Holoubek Robert H. DeSelms Simon J. Elliott Julie A. Heider Mita Mukherjee Scott M. Woodhouse Michael G. Penn Christopher J. Walsh

<u>Of Counsel</u> Kenneth C. Bass III Evan R. Smith Marvin C. Guthrie

\*Admitted only in Maryland \*Admitted only in Virginia •Practice Limited to Federal Agencies

October 12, 2004

WRITER'S DIRECT NUMBER: (202) 772-8625
INTERNET ADDRESS: ESTEFFE@SKGF.COM

Mail Stop Amendment

Commissioner for Patents PO Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Re:

U.S. Utility Patent Application

Application No. 09/458,302; Filed: December 10, 1999

For: Inducing Cellular Immune Responses to Carcinoembryonic Antigen

**Using Peptide and Nucleic Acid Compositions** 

Inventors:

FIKES et al.

Our Ref:

2060.0080005/HCC/PAC

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

- 1. Amendment and Reply to Notice to Comply with Requirements for Patent Application Containing Nucleotide Sequence and/or Amino Acid Sequence Disclosures;
- 2. Exhibit 1; and
- 3. Return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier. In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

Respectfully submitted,

STERNE, KESSLER, GOLDSTEIN & FOX P.L.L.C.

Eric K. Steffe

Attorney for Applicants Registration No. 36,688

EKS/PAC:dbj Enclosures

320688\_1.DOC

Sterne, Kessler, Goldstein & Fox PLLC. : 1100 New York Avenue, NW : Washington, DC 20005 : 202.371.2600 f 202.371.2540 : www.skqf.com

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

FIKES et al.

Appl. No.: 09/458,302

Filed: December 10, 1999

For: Inducing Cellular Immune
Responses to Carcinoembryonic
Antigen Using Peptide and Nucleic

**Acid Compositions** 

Confirmation No. 8701

Art Unit: 1644

Examiner: Ronald B. Schwadron

Atty. Docket: 2060.0080005/HCC/PAC

Amendment and Reply to Notice to Comply with Requirements for Patent Application Containing Nucleotide Sequence and/or Amino Acid Sequence Disclosures

Commissioner for Patents PO Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated September 9, 2004, Applicants submit the following Amendment and Remarks. This Amendment is provided in the following format:

- (A) Each section begins on a separate sheet;
- (B) Starting on a separate sheet, amendments to the specification by presenting replacement paragraphs marked up to show changes made; and
- (C) Starting on a separate sheet, the Remarks.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.